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Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the Office of Public Records in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING

Name of Traveler: Robert John Insinger

Employing Office/Committee: Senator James Risch, Idaho

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): _____

Travel Date(s): August 18, 2019 — August 27, 2019

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Conservation International Foundation

- Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form
- Addendum to Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): _____

Revised and supplemented forms provided by Sponsor,
Conservation International Foundation

12/10/19
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Traveler)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Conservation International Foundation
2. Description of the trip: Okavango Delta trip to educate, advance knowledge, and awareness of critical internal conservation efforts that can be applied on a global scale.
3. Dates of travel: Depart Aug. 18, 2019 (Arrival Aug. 19) - Depart Aug. 26, 2019 (Arrival Aug. 27)
4. Place of travel: Zambia, Botswana, Namibia (Okavango Delta river Basin)
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached.
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR -
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
 - AND -
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND -
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)

I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

-OR-

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

-OR-

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:**

Conservation International is the organization responsible for organizing and conducting this trip

- 13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:**

Please see attached.

- 14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:**

This will be Conservation International's first congressional trip.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Conservation International engages in educational activities focused on the contribution of targeted U.S.

investment in international conservation efforts and enhances U.S. economic and national security

interests around the globe.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$3,941.5	\$1835.83 based on double occupancy	\$787.67	Zambian visa \$50 Please see attached.

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip was arranged/organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Please see attached.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Avani Resort, Zambia; Cresta Mowana Safari Resort, Botswana;

Lianshulu Bush Lodge, Namibia; Capture Africa Mobil Camp, Botswana

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Please see attached.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see attached.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach airfare to/from US; coach ground transportation in country; commercial bush flights in country.

Please see attached.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



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13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Building on a strong foundation of science, partnership and demonstration, Conservation International empowers societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature and global biodiversity for the wellbeing of humanity. The educational activities provided pursuant to this trip will focus on the role of targeted U.S. investment in international conservation efforts in support of CI's mission and enhance U.S. economic and national security interests around the globe.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant

All-inclusive lodging also includes entrance fees, community visits, and field activities, but does not include taxes.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Last year Congress passed the Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act, legislation that specifically targets preservation of the Okavango Delta and the waterways and migrating wildlife that depend on it. Now law, the DELTA Act authorizes the U.S. Government to provide assistance for resource management and to combat illegal poaching and wildlife trafficking - deemed by Congress as national security threats to the United States. This trip will give Sr. Congressional staff a ground-level perspective on how the DELTA Act will help stabilize and preserve this large, remote and critically important region

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Each specific lodge was chosen based on security concerns on the ground and proximity to those sites most important to accomplishing the educational purposes of the trip. Lodging close to these sites is quite limited and the chosen lodges were the best options available in close proximity to the sites that also permitted the group to stay together in a safe and secure hotel.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

13 Trip expenses exceed the Federal Government per diem rates in order to provide lodging that can accommodate the group in close proximity to sites that are essential to Congress' work and the objectives of the trip, while also ensuring safety.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

13 Commercial Bush flights are required because road travel would present safety or security risks and take a prohibitively long time (8+ hours).



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Southern Africa Congressional Trip

Dates: August 19-26 (on ground)

Congressional Interest in the Region

Last year Congress passed the Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act, legislation that specifically targets preservation of the Okavango Delta and the waterways and migrating wildlife that depend on it. Now law, the DELTA Act authorizes the U.S. Government to provide assistance for resource management and to combat illegal poaching and wildlife trafficking - deemed by Congress as national security threat. This trip will give Sr. Congressional staff a ground-level perspective on how the DELTA Act will help stabilize and preserve this large, remote and critically important region.

In passing the law, Senators specifically referenced the endangered wildlife in the Okavango and surrounding region:

- Senator Udall: *"The Okavango River Delta is an unspoiled wilderness – a delicate region of deep ecological, cultural, and economic importance to surrounding nations and to the world. It is home to some of the world's most iconic species and serves as a vital lifeline and watershed for over one million people throughout the region. But this diverse ecosystem is being threatened by industrial development and wildlife traffickers."*
- Senator Portman: *"I believe we must confront the threats to wildlife and natural resources around the world, and I'm pleased the Senate has unanimously approved this legislation to encourage the U.S. to develop a strategy to protect the Okavango River Delta in southern Africa. The Okavango Delta is a precious water resource that is home to more than one million people and serves as a critical habitat to some of the world's most endangered species that continue to face a variety of threats from wildlife traffickers, poachers, and others. I am proud to protect this important resource and the people, wildlife, and ecosystems that depend on it."*

To provide a thorough understanding of the DELTA Act and the people, wildlife and landscape that Senators designed the legislation to impact, the detailed itinerary (below) was carefully put together. Each stage will transport congressional staff into areas within the Okavango Delta or that have a direct impact on the waterways and wildlife that traverse it, thereby providing a wholistic perspective of the ecosystem targeted by the DELTA Act. As Congress noted in the findings of the DELTA Act:

(1) The greater Okavango River Basin, which ranges from the highland plateau of Angola to northeastern Namibia and northern Botswana, and also provides critical natural resources that sustain wildlife in Zambia and Zimbabwe, is the largest freshwater watershed in southern Africa.

It should also be noted that the DELTA Act directs the Administration (State Department) to develop plans with local governments to preserve resources and wildlife essential to the health of the Okavango Delta. Hence, Congress has a stated interest in the future work required under this new law.

African nations and 26 leading international NGOs and IGOs. EPI works to support and deliver upon two key international agreements: the 2010 African Elephant Action Plan – signed by all 38 African countries with remaining elephant populations – and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

3:00 – 6:00 PM Afternoon site visit with **Ruud Jansen** to witness firsthand the Elephant prides benefitting from EPI and Government of Botswana conservation effort. These elephant herds migrate hundreds of miles, passing into and through the Okavango Delta.

7:00 – 8:30 PM Dinner with **Ruud Jansen** and further discussion on Elephant Protection Initiative and US Government efforts to protect elephants and other species in the region through Congressionally-initiated USAID and State Department programs to combat wildlife trafficking and the USFWS Multinational Species Conservation Fund and END Wildlife Trafficking Act.

Day 3 (Aug 21) – Chobe National Park, Botswana

6:30 – 10:30 AM Early morning site visit with **Ruud Jansen** to continue the viewing and discussion of the elephant prides and the conservation efforts in the region supported by the USFWS Multinational Species Conservation Fund. Many of these conservation efforts will be enhanced by provisions in the DELTA Act.

11:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch and discussion with **Julia Levin**, Country Director from Conservation South Africa.

Conservation International has been piloting work with communities to eliminate the sources of conflict between cattle farmers and wildlife protection and restore traditional rangelands. Conservation International is now expanding this successful program to Botswana.

2:00 – 5:00 PM Afternoon site visit with **Julia Levin** visiting communities and wildlife rangelands to better understand the conflicts and solutions from a field perspective. Discuss how the DELTA Act is intended to assist many of these communities in better managing their natural resources and assist them in combatting wildlife trafficking.

6:30 – 8:30 PM Dinner and presentation by WCS Central Africa Regional Director, **Emma Stokes**, regarding the successful model(s) of USG investment in CARPE.

The Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) is a long-term initiative of the United

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States Government to promote sustainable forest management, biodiversity conservation, and climate change mitigation in the Congo Basin through increased local, national, and regional natural resource management capacity. Through its funding of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the U.S. Agency for International Development, Congress has consistently supported CARPE since its inception.

Day 4 (Aug 22) – Caprivi Region, Namibia

Note: Day 4 and Day 5 of the trip will bring Congressional Staff to the Caprivi Region of Namibia, a critical area for the Okavango Delta. The Okavango River flows directly through Namibia's Caprivi Strip, carrying 2.5 trillion gallons of water per year. Without this river, the Okavango Delta – located just downstream – would cease to exist, and substantial amounts of wildlife would perish. The DELTA Act commits U.S. support to resource management, particularly water. These two days will give staff a good perspective on the area and the opportunity to speak with people who have a substantial impact on the Okavango Delta region.

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| 9:00 – 10:00 AM | Transfer to Kasane airport |
| 10:00 – 10:30 AM | Bush plane flight Kasane- Katima Mulilo Airport (clear customs) |
| 11:30 – 11:45 AM | Transfer to Lianshulu Bush Lodge, Zambezi Region, Namibia |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 2:00 – 5:30 PM | Afternoon site visit to Mundumu National Park with Chris Weaver , director of WWF Namibia and Dr. Mike Knight , WWF Transboundary Kaza Coordinator. |

This park has seen over the past years a great rebound in wildlife population and is undoubtedly connected to the communal conservancy program that has generated a change of local attitudes toward the wildlife. At Namibia's independence in 1990, this area was largely devoid of wildlife as it had been subjected to extensive poaching during the war for independence. Just prior to independence, communities in the area were further alienated towards wildlife when the outgoing South African Conservation Ministry proclaimed Mudumu National Park without consulting with communities. Consequently, surrounding communities were highly hostile towards wildlife in the early 1990s. This hostility was gradually broken down by the local NGO, Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC), who with the support of the USAID funded Living In a Finite Environment (LIFE) Project, introduced the concept of community game guards to local traditional authorities and communities. In 1996, the Namibia Nature Conservation Ordinance was amended to allow for the creation of communal conservancies, which in-turn, paved the way for communities to become benefactors and stewards of wildlife. Today, the Mudumu National Park is surrounded by communal conservancies, resulting what some described as a "biological desert" in the early 1990s into a productive national park with an abundance of wildlife today.

7:00 – 8:30 PM Dinner and further discussion with **Chris Weaver** and **Dr. Mike Knight** on the Mundumu National Park visit, especially as it relates US Government investment in the region via the Congressionally initiated USAID Biodiversity program.

Day 5 (Aug 23) – Caprivi Region, Namibia

6:30 – 7:15 AM Road Transfer to Mashi Conservancy.

7:15 – 9:45 AM Site visit the Mashi Conservancy with **John Kamwi** and **Janet Matota** from IRDNC to continue the site visits to communities directly supported by KAZA TFCA.

9:45 – 10:30 AM Road Transfer to lodge.

11:30 – 2:00 PM Lunch and discussion with **Nyambe** from the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA)

KAZA TFCA was established to sustainably manage the Kavango Zambezi ecosystem, its heritage and cultural resources based on best conservation and tourism models for the socio-economic wellbeing of the communities and other stakeholders in and around the eco-region through harmonization of policies, strategies and practices.

3:00 – 6:30 PM Visit community sites directly supported by KAZA TFCA This will enable staff to speak in-person with communities that have a direct upstream impact on the Okavango Delta.

7:30 – 9:00 PM Dinner and further discussion on the work KAZA TFCA is doing in the region, especially as it relates US Government involvement and decision making.

Day 6 (Aug 24) – Okavango Delta

NOTE: Much of Day 6 and Day 7 will be spent in and around the Khwai Concession. The Khwai Concession formed by the local Khwai villagers and is managed by the Khwai Development Trust. The area used to be a hunting concession but is now actively managed as a conservation area. Congressional staff will have an opportunity to speak with eco-tourism managers about how Congress – through the DELTA Act and other tools – can help bolster and advance the work to protect the area.

8:00 – 11:00 AM Flight Lianshulu Bush Lodge- Katima Mulilo (clear customs)-Kasane

11:30 – 12:00 PM Transfer and check in Capture Africa Mobile Camp, Okavango Delta, Botswana – Khwai Concession Area



2:30 – 5:30 PM

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Day 8 (Aug 26) – Travel day

9:30 – 11:00 AM

2:05- 4:05 PM

6:30PM - 6:25AM
(Aug 27)

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